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Office Action Summary

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BANDARU ET AL.

Examiner

Cao (Kevin) Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. (US Patent No. 6,028,603) in view of Thagard et al. (US Patent No. 6,266,069 B1).

Regarding claims 1 and 2, Wang discloses system for image display comprising: (a) a computer with a first modem located at a first location and connected via the modem to a communications network (see col. 4, lines 38-45); (b) a remote color display device with a second modem and a controller, the remote color display located at a second location and capable of image display, the remote color display device connected to the communications network via the modem (see col. 5, lines 1-22); (c) an internet website containing a database of

image references for providing imagery to the computer (see col. 6, lines 1-46 and figures 2-3); however, Wang fails to explicitly teach (d) means for allowing selection of images from the database to be displayed on the remote color display.

Thagard discloses means for allowing selection of images from the database to be displayed on the remote color display (see col. 3, lines 29-56). It would have been obvious to one of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a means for allowing selection of images from the database to be displayed on the remote color display as taught by Thagard presenting a collection of digital media in a media container in order to display images that download from Internet. It would enable users using a digital frame for displaying images from their own selective homepage.

Regarding claim 3, Wang discloses a system for image display as recited wherein the means for allowing selection is a computer with a connection to the internet website, the computer being located at a second location remote from the first location (see col. 8, lines 3-26).

Regarding claim 4, Wang discloses a system for image display as recited wherein the selected images are stored at the second location (see col. 8, lines 27-52).

Regarding claim 5, Wang discloses a system for image display as recited wherein the selected images are stored at a third location remote from both the first location and the second location (see col. 9, lines 53-67 and col. 10, lines 1-50).

Claim 6 differs from claims 1 and 2 in that “ (a) storing a database of image references at an internet steps of website; (b) providing a library of images referenced by the database; (c)

accessing the database and images from a first remote location; (d) displaying the images at the first remote location on a remote color display device, the remote color display device having a modem and a controller and capable of image display, the remote color display being located at the first remote location and connected to the communications network via the modem" which read on Wang (see col. 11, lines 1-67 and figures 5-9).

Regarding claim 7, Thagard discloses a method as recited in claim further comprising the step of allowing selection of image references to be made by a user at a second remote location (see col. 4, lines 1-15).

As claims 8-15 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-7 above.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (see PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on 703-308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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